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INTERNATIONAL FORM

RECEIPT IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL DEPOSIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 7.3 AND VIABILITY STATEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 10.2

To: (Name and Address of Depositor or Attorney)

DuPont Company Attn: Kyungok Wun-Kim DuPont Experimental Station E301/317 Willmington, DE 19880

Deposited on Behalf of: DuPont Company

Identification Reference by Depositor: Methylomonas: Methylomonas 16a sp.

Patent Deposit Designation PTA-2402

The deposit was accompanied by: __ a scientific description a proposed taxonomic description indicated above.

The deposit was received August 22, 2000 by this International Depository Authority and has been accepted.

AT YOUR REQUEST: X We will inform you of requests for the strain for 30 years.

The strain will be made available if a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty certifies one's right to receive, or if a U.S. Patent is issued citing the strain, and ATCC is instructed by the United States Patent & Trademark Office or the depositor to release said strain.

If the culture should die or be destroyed during the effective term of the deposit, it shall be your responsibility to replace it with living culture of the same.

The strain will be maintained for a period of at least 30 years from date of deposit, or five years after the most recent request for a sample, whichever is longer. The United States and many other countries are signatory to the Budapest Treaty.

The viability of the culture cited above was tested September 8, 2000. On that date, the culture was viable.

International Depository Authority: American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 USA.

Signature of person having authority to represent ATCC:

Frank Simione, Director, Patent Depository

cc: S. Neil Feltham (Ref: Docket or Case No.: BC-1039)

Date: November 16, 2000